

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7571

Petition of Raymond Belanger vs. Village of)
Morrisville Water & Light Department in re)
billing dispute and charges related thereto)

Order entered: 11/30/2009

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER

This petition concerns a challenge by Mr. Raymond W. Belanger, a customer of the Village of Morrisville Water & Light Department ("MW&L"), to a bill for electric service that was provided to him for payment more than four and one-half years after some of the charges were incurred. The dispute relates to charges in the amount of \$5,417 for electric service from November 2004 to May 2009 on a rental property in Morrisville owned by Mr. Belanger that were apparently billed to the wrong customer during that period, and which MW&L sought to collect from Mr. Belanger beginning in June 2009.

On November 20, 2009, I convened a prehearing conference in this docket at which appearances were entered by Mr. Belanger, pro se, and Penny T. Jones and Craig Myotte for MW&L. At the prehearing conference, MW&L agreed not to issue any disconnect notice related to any failure to pay the disputed charges while this proceeding is pending. In addition, Mr. Belanger provided clarifying information about his petition. As Hearing Officer, I summarized the petition process for the parties and set forth my preliminary assessment of the issues to be resolved.

A tentative schedule for this proceeding was also discussed at the prehearing conference. MW&L will be required to file a response to Mr. Belanger's petition by December 7, 2009. The

Clerk of the Board will attempt to schedule the technical hearing in this docket for sometime during the weeks of January 18 and January 25, 2010.

Either party may make rolling discovery on the other party by written request until three weeks prior to the technical hearing, with written responses and/or requested documents due two weeks after any discovery request. During the discovery period, Mr. Belanger and MW&L may submit questions and/or requests for documents to each other in writing.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of November, 2009.

s/Lars Bang-Jensen
Lars Bang-Jensen
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: November 30, 2009

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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